

HOUSE No. 3703

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford R. Hill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the regulation of animal shelters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bradford R. Hill

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Amend Chap 129 of the general laws by inserting the following:

2 Section 39E: Animal Shelters and Rescue (rehoming) Organizations

3 SECTION 1.

4 Definitions:

5 “Shelter” – Any 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization, that finds homes
6 for unowned animals.

7 “Rescue Organization” – A 501 (c)3 organization or other IRS not for profit status organization other
8 than a shelter as defined in this act that arranges for transfer of unowned dogs and cats to temporary or
9 permanent homes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

10 “Department” – Department of Agricultural Resources